

Dear Legislators,

Please pass bill SB 445 to prevent the cruelty of puppy mills by preventing the sale of puppies from large commercial operations in other states in Connecticut pet stores. No responsible breeder would ship their dogs to another state to be sold to buyers sight unseen. Responsible breeders want to see who their dogs are going to, even those not of "show quality" and will guarantee to take back the puppy if necessary. Puppies sold in pet stores are almost all bred in deplorable conditions with insufficient attention and even shelter. For more information, check the Humane Society of the U.S. website.

Please also pass the provision in HB 5416 that will prevent the use of gestation crates for breeding pigs in Connecticut. Breeding sows in gestation crates are kept for months on end in a space too small to turn around in. They develop the equivalent of insanity from frustration and boredom, which is not surprising when you consider that pigs are just as intelligent as dogs.

Thank you for your attention

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